

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 16, 1880.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WITHERS, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 2860.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2860) granting a pension to Thomas A. Vaughn, private Company C, Seventy-sixth, Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, have carefully examined the same, and report:

That the records show that the applicant enlisted on the 4th day of September, 1861, and was discharged December 31, 1863, and immediately re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer, and was honorably discharged September 1, 1865; that he applied for a pension June 5, 1878, alleging disability from disease of the kidneys, caused by an attack of typhoid fever. The claim was rejected by the Commissioner of Pensions because there was "no disability from the cause alleged." The hospital records, however, show that he was almost constantly in the hospital or on sick-furlough from September, 1861, to date of discharge, being treated for various diseases, but for disease of the kidneys, specifically, the latter portion of time. The report of the examining surgeon establishes the fact of the existence of disease of the kidneys at the date of his examination, October 22, 1878, and though claimant is unable to furnish proof of continuous medical treatment for diseased kidneys from the date of his discharge to the present time, though he swears to the fact, yet the official record of treatment in hospital for that affection, extending over a period of at least two years and up to the date of his discharge as an invalid, and the undoubted existence of the disease and consequent disability at the present time, constitute in the opinion of the committee such reasonable and equitable grounds of belief in the justice of the claim that they recommend the passage of the House bill with an amendment as reported.

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IN THE COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES M. SMITH, DECEASED

THE PETITIONER, JAMES M. SMITH, DECEASED, by and through his executor, JAMES M. SMITH, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the will of the said JAMES M. SMITH, as the same appears from the records of the Court of the District of Columbia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Court, at the City of Washington, this 1st day of January, 1870.